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| VARIABLE VALVE TRAIN FOR A CAM-<br>ACTIVATED LIFTING VALVE OF AN<br>INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE |   | <b>.</b>  |

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

## **Mail Stop Patent Applications**

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Sir:

Prior to initial evaluation, please amend this application as follows: